

amended to make it clear that a line passing through the center of the upper end and the center of the lower end of the second arm is oriented at an acute angle, greater than zero, with respect to a vertical line passing through the base. Birrell, on the other hand, only teaches and shows a vertical line that would pass through the centers of the ends of its second arm. Therefore, because all of Applicants' amended claims can no longer be interpreted to read on the Birrell reference, Applicant respectfully requests that all of the outstanding §102(e) rejections be withdrawn.

Claims 7, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 USC§103(a) over Birrell. In response, Applicant respectfully requests that the outstanding §103(a) rejections be withdrawn since there is no evidence of record to support the notion that Birrell would be modified against its own teachings to produce a computer workstation as claimed. In other words, Birrell only shows, and does not suggest to the contrary, a vertical second arm.

Claims 8, 9, 14, 15 and 19 stand rejected under 35 USC§103(a) over Birrell in view of Coulthard. Again, Applicant respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn in view of the fact that Applicants have amended all of the claims to include something other than a vertical second arm as taught by Birrell.

Claim 6 has been resubmitted in independent form, and is believed allowable over the art of record as asserted in Applicants response to the First Office Action. A check in the amount of \$40.00 is included herewith to cover the fee for an excess independent claim. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment regarding excess claim fees to deposit account number 500226.

In view of the amending changes made and arguments submitted, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance of claims 1 and 3-20. However, if the examiner believes that some minor additional clarification would put the case in even better condition for allowance, she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (812) 333-5355 in order to hasten the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MBM" followed by a stylized flourish.

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## APPENDIX

## MARKED-UP AMENDED CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A vertically adjustable mobile computer workstation comprising:

a first arm having an upper end and a lower end;

at least one platform being attached to said upper end of said first arm;

a second arm having an upper end and a lower end;

said lower end of said first arm and said upper end of said second arm being hingedly attached;

said lower end of said second arm being attached to a base supported by a plurality of rotatable members; [and]

a line passing through a center of said upper end of said second arm and a center of said lower end of said second arm being oriented at an acute angle, greater than zero, with respect to a vertical line passing through said base; and

said first arm being rotatable between a first angular position in which said at least one platform is positioned a first distance above said rotatable members and a second angular position in which said at least one platform is positioned a second distance above said rotatable members that is greater than said first distance.

6. (amended) [The vertically adjustable mobile computer workstation of claim 1 wherein] A vertically adjustable mobile computer workstation comprising:

a first arm having an upper end and a lower end;

at least one platform being attached to said upper end of said first arm;

a second arm having an upper end and a lower end;

said lower end of said first arm and said upper end of said second arm being hingedly attached;

said lower end of said second arm being attached to a base supported by a plurality of rotatable members;

said first arm being rotatable between a first angular position in which said at least one platform is positioned a first distance above said rotatable members and a second angular position in which said at least one platform is positioned a second distance above said rotatable members that is greater than said first distance; and

said at least one platform is closer to a vertical line passing through a center of said base when said first arm is at said second angular position than when said first arm is at said first angular position.

10. (Amended) A vertically adjustable mobile computer workstation comprising:

a first arm having an upper end and a lower end;

at least one platform being attached to said upper end of said first arm;

a computer input device and a computer output device being supported by said at least one platform;

a second arm having an upper end and a lower end;

said lower end of said first arm and said upper end of said second arm being hingedly attached;

said lower end of said second arm being attached to a base supported by a plurality of rotatable members; [and]

a line passing through a center of said upper end of said second arm and a center of said lower end of said second arm being oriented at an acute angle, greater than zero, with respect to a vertical line passing through said base; and

said first arm being rotatable between a first angular position in which said at least one platform is positioned a first distance above said rotatable members and a second angular position in which said at least one platform is positioned a second distance above said rotatable members that is greater than said first distance.

17. (Amended) A vertically adjustable mobile computer workstation comprising:

a first arm having an upper end and a lower end;

at least one platform being attached to said upper end of said first arm;

a computer input device and a computer output device being supported by said at least one platform;

a second arm having an upper end and a lower end;

said lower end of said first arm and said upper end of said second arm being hingedly attached;

said lower end of said second arm being attached to a base supported by a plurality of rotatable members;

a neutral support stop mechanism operably coupled between said first arm and said second arm; [and]

a line passing through a center of said upper end of said second arm and a center of said lower end of said second arm being oriented at an acute angle, greater than zero, with respect to a vertical line passing through said base; and

said first arm being rotatable between a first angular position in which said at least one platform is positioned a first distance above said rotatable members and a second angular position in which said at least

one platform is positioned a second distance above said rotatable members that is greater than said first distance.